
Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Resolution No. 61—Relative to Diaper Need Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The people of California recognize that economic
2 opportunity for individuals can lead to improved health for families
3 and their communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Many children in California under three years of
5 age live in low-income households, and 18 percent of all children
6 under 18 years of age in the County of Nevada live in poverty;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Access to a reliable supply of clean diapers is a
9 necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers, their
10 families, and child and health care providers; and

11 WHEREAS, The average infant or toddler requires an average
12 of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

13 WHEREAS, Diapers cannot be bought with CalFresh benefits
14 or Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) vouchers, therefore
15 providing a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic
16 hardship to needy families; and

17 WHEREAS, A supply of diapers is generally an eligibility
18 requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in child care
19 programs; and

20 WHEREAS, When infants and toddlers cannot participate in
21 child care programs, it makes it very difficult for their parents and
22 guardians to participate in the workforce, thereby causing economic
23 harm to many families; and

24 WHEREAS, California is proud to be home to various
25 community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers

1 in helping to provide economic stability for families and distribute
2 diapers to poor families through various channels; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the Senate
5 proclaims the week of September 8, 2014, to September 14, 2014,
6 inclusive, as Diaper Need Awareness Week and encourages the
7 citizens of California to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper
8 drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families
9 in need to help alleviate diaper need in California; and be it further
10 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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